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In re Application of	:	
Hattori et al.	:	
Application No. 09/904497	:	
Filing or 371(c) Date: 07/16/2001	:	
Attorney Docket Number:	:	
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This is a decision on the Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment, filed May 4, 2007.

This Petition is hereby **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the non-final Office action, mailed September 27, 2006. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply, and provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No response having been received, the application became abandoned on December 28, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed April 9, 2007.

**Applicant's Assertion**

Applicant files the present petition and asserts that a timely response to the Office action was filed on March 27, 2007, including a three (3) month extension of time. In support of this assertion, applicant files a copy of the reply, which includes a Certificate of Mailing under 37 CFR 1.8, along with a copy of a return-receipt postcard which acknowledges receipt by this Office of an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111; Petition for Extension of Time 3-months; Dep. Acct. order Form, and Credit Card Form for \$1020.00.

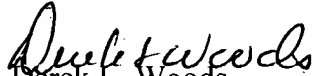
A review of Office records also reveals that the Office received an Amendment and three-month Extension of Time and fee on March 27, 2007.

In view of the foregoing, the petition is granted. The holding of abandonment is hereby withdrawn.

No petition fee has been charged and none is due.

The application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3627 for continued examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.



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